



An Overview of The Office and Activities of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC)

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National Health IT Agenda

- **National Health IT Agenda was outlined by President Bush in April 2004**
 - Bipartisan support in Congress
- **Components of a Robust, Interoperable Health IT Environment**
 1. Electronic Health Records
 2. Population Health Infrastructure
 3. Personal Health Records
 4. Standards (Data, Technical, & Security)
 5. Interoperable Health Information Exchange Network
 - Capability for Networking these Standardized Components Together – National Health Information Network

Office of the National Coordinator (ONC)

- **In his Executive Order in April 2004, President Bush created the National Coordinator position and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) and charged us to advance**
 - **The vision of developing a nationwide interoperable health information technology infrastructure**
 - **To achieve the goal of widespread adoption of interoperable electronic health records (EHR) by 2014**



“Value-driven Healthcare”

- **A focus of Secretary Leavitt’s**
 - Components of value
 - Quality
 - Price
 - New Executive Order includes
 - Health IT Interoperability
 - “Transparency” for people to know the Quality & Price

What does the National Health IT Agenda aim for?

- **Better Healthcare**
 - For all
 - **Safer**
 - **Higher Quality**
 - Take the actions EVERYTIME
 - Provide early treatment EVERYTIME
 - Provide the best care EVERYTIME
 - **Convenient healthcare**
 - **Person-centered, personalized**
 - **Affordable**

Interoperable HIT technology is a critical enabler

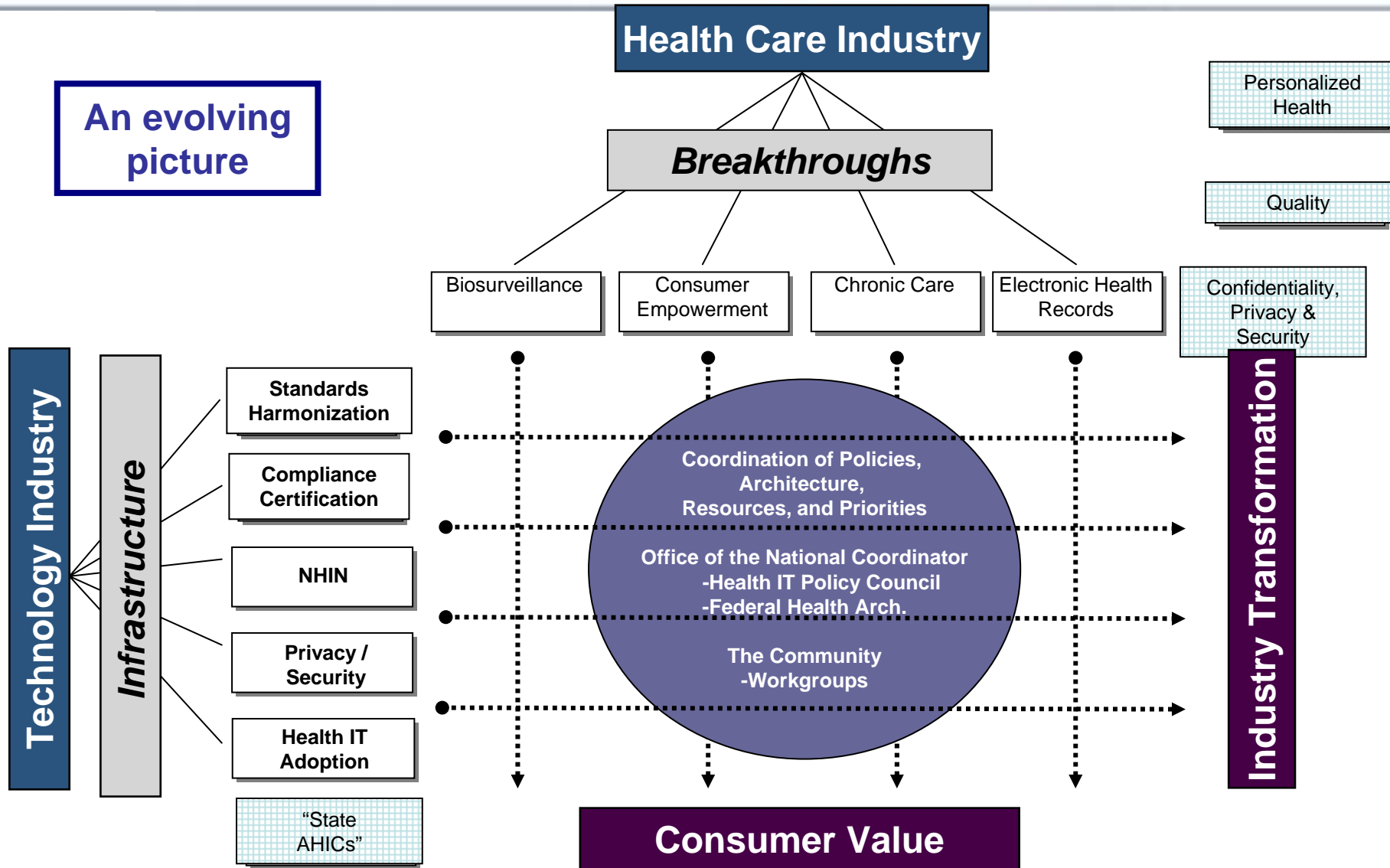
ONC – In the Beginning

- **There was a year of listening...**



- **Working with Federal agencies**
- **Met with organizations, vendors, and individuals**
- **Reached out to states and regions through site visits and town hall meetings**
- **Met with health IT delegations from countries like Great Britain, Canada, Netherlands, Australia, and France**
- **Structuring the Office of the National Coordinator to best serve the needs of the public**
- **Awarded important contracts to establish the foundation for widespread adoption of interoperable health IT**

HIT Agenda



American Health Information Community & Work Groups

- **Secretary Leavitt Chairs the American Health Information Community**
 - A federally-chartered commission to provide input and recommendations to HHS on how to make health records digital and interoperable
 - 17 members – a combination of key leaders in the public and private sectors
 - 6 workgroups
- **These six work groups are now established and another is being formed for each breakthrough involving over 70 experts and stakeholders**
 - Work Groups are focusing on the major policy, technical and social barriers to the breakthroughs

Health Information Technology Deployment Coordination

- **Breakthrough areas then fed into some of the other entities created through our other set of activities – public-private infrastructure processes**
 - Health Information Technology Standards Panel (**HITSP**),
 - Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (**CCHIT**),
 - The 4 contracts related to today's Forum: prototypes for National Health Information Network (**NHIN**),
- **Several additional activities**
 - Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (**HISPC**), and the
 - State-level Health Information Exchange (**HIE**) Initiatives